

THE REHEARSAL.

1. I have Asserted *Liberty* and *Property* Higher than the *Whiggs*.
2. They Usurp the *Prerogative* of *God* in *Coercing* of *Kings*, and *Ballancing* the *Nations*.
3. They Subject *God* himself to the *People*.
4. They Renounce all *Divine Right*, and Set *Human* above it.
5. They make *God* a *Tyrant*, and *Moses*, and all who Claim *Divine Right*.
6. The short Issue is, For *God*, or for *Belial*.
7. The Devilish *Liberty* they Set up. And the *Liberty* Proclaim'd *Jer. xxxiv*.
8. The *Belial* Government as *Arbitrary* as *God's*.
9. Searching to the *Original* the true Method.
10. *Common-wealths* more *Arbitrary* than *Monarchies*. And the then *Parliament* than *K. Char. I*.
11. Our *Whiggs* are for *Resisting* *Parliaments* as well as *Kings*.
12. They are a *Dog* in a *Wheel*.

WEDNESDAY, March 23 1708.

(1.) *Country-man*. I Know none has carried *Liberty* and *Property* so High as you *Master*. Yet you are thought to Write against *Liberty*, and for *Slavish* Principles, as *Observers* and *Reviews* wou'd have us believe. You have given every Man even a *Divine Right* in his *Possessions*, and even against the King himself, inasmuch that if the King invade my *Liberty* or *Property* Unjustly, he makes himself Obnoxious to the Just Judgment of *God*, as *Ahab* when he took *Naboth's Vineyard* from him.

(2.) *Rehearsal*. But *Whiggs* will leave Nothing to the Judgment of *God*! They think there is no *Security* in that! But every one of them wou'd be *God* himself, and have the *Government* of the *World* in his own hands! Not only to be Judge over his own King, but over all the *Kings* in the *Earth*, to take from One and give to Another, and to *Balance* the *Nations*, as he thinks most Convenient, without Regard to *Laws*, or *Justice*, or any *Divine Right*, in any but Himself.

(3.) *Country-m*. Nay, as you have shew'd me in your Last, they will not let *God* Himself have *Divine Right*, but make Him *Derive* all the *Authority* He has over Us from the Choice of the *People*; and that as they gave it Him, they can take it from Him again: So that He holds His *Kingship* at their Meer Will and *Pleasure*! This is the *Doctrin* of the so Celebrated Book of the *Rights*! Which is now become the *Text* of the *Whiggs*, to pull down *Monarchy* and the *Hierarchy*.

(4.) *Rehearsal*. They have fairly Turn'd the Tables upon me. I said, there's no *Right* but *Divine Right*. They Answer, there's no *Right* but *Human-Right*. For that the *Right* of *God* Himself is *Deriv'd* from the *People*! I said, That all *Power* is *Forseizable* to its *Original*, and so thought to have *Prov'd* that *God* was the *Original* of *Government*. But they Return upon me, That the

Power of *God* is *Forseizable* to the *People*; and therefore that they are the *Original*! I said, That the *Service* of *God* was perfect *Freedom*. No, say they, *Divine Right* is *Divine Tyranny*!

(5.) *Country-m*. That is, if *God* pretends to any *Power* over us but what He *Derives* from the *People*, He is a *Tyrant*! And all who pretend to *Divine Right* are *Tyrants* under Him! Thus *Moses* (says the *Review* Vol. 2. N. 82. p. 326.) Govern'd the *Children* of *Israel*, by *Immediate Divine Authority*, and when he found them fallen into *Idolaty*, he fell upon them with the *Arbitrary Sword* of *Power*, and kill'd 30000 of them for the Fault.

Rehearsal. He has Added a *Cypher*, to make the *Tyranny* the Greater, for it was but about 3000. *Exod. xxxii. 28*. And the *Levites* were the *Executioners*. And it was call'd *Consecrating* themselves to the *Lord*. O these *Bloody Priests*! And this is the End of their *Consecrations*! Therefore the Men of the *Rights* will have none of them. True Sons of *Liberty*, that is, of *Belial*!

(6.) *Country-m*. The Reason given in this *Review* p. 326. against *Divine Right* in *Governors* is this, That their Title being *Divine* in its *Original*, must be *Un-controulable* in its *Execution*. This *Prince* holding immediately from *God*, is *Un-accountable*, *Absolute*, and *Arbitrary*. And that's a *Tyrant*. And this he Exemplifies in *Moses*, as before Quoted. And says, p. 327. The Consequence of *Divine Right* is *Divine Tyranny*.

Rehearsal. Then these Men are for the *Right-Authority*, or *Government*, that is *Divine* in its *Original*. And if Men *Derive* not their *Right* from *God*, it is Easie to know whence they *Derive* it. There is but one Choice more, that is, the *Devil*. So that our Dispute is brought to a short Issue, that is, for *God*, or for *Belial* the *God* of *Liberty*.

(7.) *Country-m*.

(7.) *Country-m.* A Devilish Liberty, which is perfect Slavery! As the Service of God is perfect Freedom. But he that will not serve God, must serve the Devil. And the Liberty that Belial gives, is a Liberty to Bite and Devour and Destroy one another, by Dissolving the Foundation of Government, and letting Men Loose upon one another. And they must be strangely Possess'd with Belial who take this to be Liberty! Who think Civil War (the Natural Effect of Rebellion) and the Destruction of the Country (which that Produces) and the Famine that follows that, and the Pestilence, the Common Product of Famine—Who think all these to be a Glorious Liberty! As now in Poland, which has Felt all these Severely, yet still Persists in the Liberty that Occasion'd them!

Rehears. To such true Sons of Belial and Assertors of Liberty it is said by God, Jer. xxxiv. 17. Behold, I Proclaim a Liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the Sword, to the Pestilence, and to the Famine. This has been Loudly Proclaim'd in Poland. O that it may be never more in England!

(8.) *Country-m.* But now to see how Belial has Cheated them, as the Devil always do's in the Bargains he makes with us. He persuades Men not to submit to Divine Right, because it must be Arbitrary and Un-Accountable. And yet all the Governments that he set-up in its place are Equally Arbitrary and Un-Accountable. And all the Wit in his Head cannot Help it. For ther can be no Government where ther is not a last Resort. And wherever that is, in One or in More, it must be Arbitrary and Un-Accountable. Else it is not the last Resort. So that the state of the Case is Plainly this, We are all for Arbitrary Government, for ther can be none other. The *Jura Divina* Men are for that which is Divine in its Original, but the Whiggs will have none such to Reign over them!

(9.) *Rehears.* If they will not have that which is Divine, they must have that which is Diabolical in its Original. Let them shew then the Original of that Frame of Government they wou'd set up, that we may see how it Began, whether by Rebellion or Usurpation, or by the Institution of God. This is the true way to Determin the Controversy. And this is the Method I have taken. To search up to the Original. And I have done it so far as to bring the Review to Declame against Monarchy, for that very Reason because it is Divine in its Original!

(10.) *Country-m.* And for the Arbitrary they are afraid of, you have shew'd before Vol. 1. N. 70. §. 4, 5. That Common-Wealths are Arbitrary of Arbitraries far beyond any Monarchy that ever was in the World. Destroying their Deliverers, even by the necessity of their Constitution, and Uncapable of Mercy; And are Prais'd even for That; While Monarchs are Exclaim'd against for their Want

of Mercy; And also because they shew Mercy, which is then Call'd a Breach of Justice!

Rehears. Let any one Read the History of Forty One, and see whether the Parliament then were not a Thousand times more Arbitrary than the King, Levying Money without Law, Invading Lives, Liberty and Property in the most Tyrannical manner, without any Regard to the Laws or Constitution! Their little Finger was Heavier then the Loins of the King, and if he Scourg'd the People with Rods, they did it with Scorpions!

(11.) *Country-m.* But our Just and Generous Whiggs Abhor Tyranny in Parliaments as well as in Kings, As the Review says, Tyranny in any Shape is to be Resisted. And he supposes a House of Commons or Lords may be a House of Tories, that is, says he, a House of Devils and Satan their Speaker. And that the Magazine of Original Power of the Mobb ought to be Rais'd up against them. And you see how Free he makes with the Parliament now in the Case of the Bankrupts.

(12.) *Rehears.* These are the High-Flyers of Liberty against Parliaments as well as Kings. They wou'd be Absolutely Free without any Toke, which is the English of the Word Belial. But they are the most Fool'd by him of any. He leads them into perfect Anarchy, in Quest of Liberty! They make every Man Judge of the Government. They are now for the Lords against the Commons, then for the Commons against the Lords, and then again for the People, against Both, and again for the Parliament against the People, to Press even their Electors, and send them to the Wars! This is the Circle of Liberty, the Wheel of Belial, wherein he puts these Turn-Spits to Roast the People! They are always Climbing the Wheel, which Turns under them, and when they have Done, they're just in the self same Place where they Began!

Country-m. And they say to the Pig upon the Spire, isn't this better than that the King shou'd Toke you, or put a Ring in your Nose! And it Squeeks all the while, Patriots! Patriots! Liberty! Property!

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